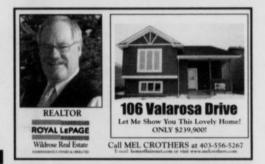
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ocals worry for friends and family following quake

BY SYLVIA COLE

Hiromi Chomyn of Didsbury is relieved to hear her friends and family in Japan safe after spending the better part of

Friday in a panic.

"It chilled me very bad ... I couldn't work all yesterday," she said Saturday afternoon about the 8.9 earthquake that triggered a tsunami in the north eastern region of Japan.

"They are fine. They don't live where the earthquake struck, so I am happy,"

Hiromi, from Japan, now lives in Didsbury with her husband, Jeff, whom she met in her native country.

She spent Friday calling her parents who live outside of Tokyo and couldn't get a hold of them.

"I needed to talk to my parents in per son. I tried to phone but they weren't answering I thought to myself, 'Okay, it's midnight they are asleep.' I called again they didn't answer. I called after 3 am and phone line was dead and I thought oh ... said Hiromi who had ran out 'uh-oh ... of ways to convince herself they were fine. A few hours later her parents phoned her and told her they were OK. "I was so relieved."

Hiromi and her husband Jeff, were also worried about friends living over in Japan, particularly members Sajtama Samurai Beavers, a hockey team a row between 2006 and 2009 to play against teams in Didsbury and surrounding areas. Jeff instructed the Beavers when he lived in Japan more than a decade ago

"Some of the Beavers have since graduated university and are working. They were on the team when Jeff was coaching. They are like relatives to us and we worried about them," said Hiromi. She said some of them reported that their homes were destroyed and some spent the night sleeping in their cars.

Hiromi is still waiting to hear from one friend who lives in the northern part of Japan and is waiting patiently to hear she is safe and sound.

shook very bad and I haven't heard from her yet," she said.

Hiromi wasn't the only Didsbury resi-dent worried about friends and family Town officials in Didsbury were

busy Friday trying to reach out to offi-cials in Miki Town, Didsbury's twin city. CAO Roy Brown said members of Miki Town were ready to visit this week but plans may have been postponed as roads and rail lines to the airport in Tokyo are closed. Their flights to Canada from Tokyo were also cancelled. Fourteen students, chaperons and town officials hope to catch alternate flights before week's end. Miki Town, located south of the affected area, didn't feel the quake.



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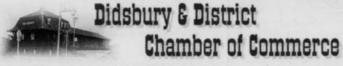


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Please contact our office to confirm your attendance so that we will have enough refreshments on hand. Office manager Deana Campbell will take your call at 403-335-3265.

'Wrong year' to create snow mounds as removal method

BY SYLVIA COLE

Council agrees it was the wrong year to try a new way of dealing with the fallsnow that irritates edestrians and drivers alike.

Council spoke with the manager of public works during council meeting two weeks ago to determine if the new system, of pushing snow into piles on the side of road, was beneficial or

"It was the wrong year to try and do that - piling it up everywhere magnifies the situation a little bit," said Mayor Brian Wittal last

The new technique was an effort to save costs from having to haul the snow to dumping grounds - located on the CPR land at the corner of 15th Avenue and 20th Street. Snow is sometimes hauled to the Memorial Complex.

"The cost isn't all that much when you just move the snow - it's when you have to haul and move it away that it escalates," said CAO Roy Brown.

The method didn't end up saving money because in the end, the town had to remove the piles of snow building up on the sides of

The weather this year reached colder than average temperatures, and the snow piles didn't melt as anticipated.

"It was too much of a safety hazard for people to climb over the mounds of snow and we requested the snow be removed," snow explained Brown in an email.

Council decided snow will be removed on priority town area and roads not identified as priority including residential, will be left unless there is a major dump.

"It's cost prohibitive to do all of the residential streets," explained Wittal.

Another reason for leav ing residential streets alone was in response to the number of complaints they were receiving from people saying the snow that was getting pushed to the side was blocking their drive-

Wittal and Brown said once the snow starts to melt the grader will be out to shave down any holes so people don't damage their vehicles. "If we can go out there and break it up so it melts and gets rid of ruts we will try and do that as much as possible,' said Brown.

Pacific rim on alert for tsunami waves

BY LEA SMALDON Review Staff

There were some tense last Friday as Central Albertans waited to connect with friends and family in earthquake rav-aged Japan and other aged tsunami threatened coun-

Bowden Grandview viceprincipal Gail Thompson aid a student at the school on exchange from Japan was able to confirm later in the day that her family was unharmed in the 8.9 earthquake.

She said school officials also confirmed that day that two former students who had left Bowden two

days prior to go back to Japan were unharmed.

earthquake. The described as the worst in Japan's history, triggered a tsunami warning across 20 countries along the Pacific

Sundre Round Up editor Dan Singleton was vacationing in Maui, Hawaii when the warnings began.
"Things are tense here, a

alarming," Singleton after being allowed to return back to beach-front hotel

Friday morning.

He and wife Lori were forced to evacuate to higher ground last Thursday

night amidst threats of a tsunami.

Singleton was watching the news that night and caught coverage of the Japanese earthquake that hit the Pacific Ocean near northeastern Japan about 2:46 p.m. (local time) on March 11.

"A few minutes later alarms were going off," Singleton said. "They were air raid sirens, tsunami warnings. We were to be out of the area by 2 a.m.

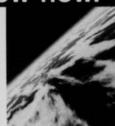
Upon their return to their hotel the next morning, Singleton said the beaches were still closed but no widespread damage was noticeable.



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Year two of challenge starts next month

BY SYLVIA COLE Review Staff

With better than expected participant numbers for the health and wellness challenge last year, members of the Highland Primary Care Network have decided to bring the event back for its second run.

"When you look at the size of Didsbury and Carstairs community we were expecting 40 to 50 people and we had 178 registrants," said clinical pharmacist with Primary Care Network, Margaret Baril.

The challenge, meant to encourage residents to get off the couch and become more active, had 178 people join last year for the challenge that lasted 12 weeks and saw in total 395 pounds lost, and 174 abdominal inches disappear.

This year, the challenge will be trimmed to an eight-week course and the triathlon and cook-off that were held at the end as a sort of wrap-up won't be included.

"We're shortening it down because of the feedback we got that 12 weeks was a little too long, the weather was a little nicer and it was harder and harder to get out so we went down to the eight weeks," said Baril. The triathlon was scrapped because there were other similar events going on at the same time such as Carstairs Beef and Barley Days run, and the Couch to 5k.

"Instead of a separate event we're going to include information on those events so people can work towards that," she said.

Every week during the challenge people will be invited to a presentation on various topics of health and wellness and a final wrap-up evening is being planned.

The challenge is separate from a pilot project weight loss program that started last week and had to stop accepting applications when numbers peaked near 200.

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Didsbury still on patrol group's wish list

BY SYLVIA COLE Review Staff

Olds Commissionaires are having a hard time garnering support from local business owners in town but said they haven't given un yet

The patrol company wants to offer its services to businesses and town facilities as soon as possible but needs at least 50 businesses to sign up for \$2 a day to cover the costs. So far, they have just short of a dozen businesses agreeing.

The group was pounding the pavement back in November, introducing themselves around town. They promise to patrol near the businesses at random intervals between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. the next day to make sure doors and windows are locked

and no suspicious activity is going on in the area.

"We're doing the patrols (for the businesses signed up). Although it's not yet cost effective we're hoping the quality of service we're providing will enhance the service so to speak," said commissionaire Ken McIver. He said they've been patrolling since November hoping to collect more interest.

But not all business owners agree their service is necessary, with some saying Citizens on Patrol offers a similar service and only asks for a small donation yearly.

Now it's March, and the group hasn't successfully increased its numbers. Speaking with town administration last month, they said they'd need \$50 a night, but were denied, as it was not something town

has available in the budget.

"Don't close the book on us yet, a final chapter is still to be written," said McIver. He said he's been off for just over a month with an injury, and his partner has also been away so promotion has been difficult.

"I think you'll find in about a month we'll be right back into the saddle again," he said.



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Don Graham and Ken McIver have been in and out of Didsbury
promoting patrolling services for the last four months.

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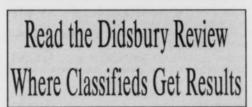
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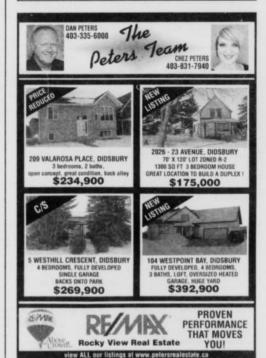


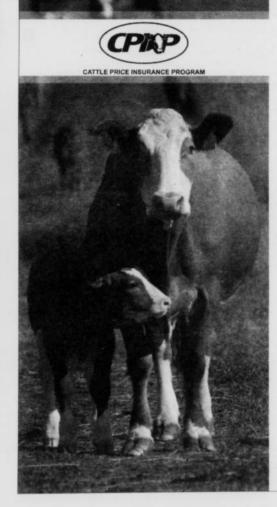
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Opinion

Editorial Victim support program is money well spent

DAN SINGLETON



Criminal cases in Canada, including in West Central Alberta, usually boil down to a battle between Crown prosecutors and the accused and his or her lawyer, with each side arguing the merits of their respective positions before a judge or judge

and jury

And while the system typically works pretty well in dispensing justice, in the past victims of crime were all too often left on the sidelines of those same criminal cases with little or no support.

Thankfully things have changed for the better in recent times, with more and more focus being put on making sure victims get the help and backing they need to get through their trying and difficult situations.

As part of that renewed focus on victim support, the provincial government and other stakeholders have come together this month in a worthwhile new effort that, if it is successful, will end up benefitting not only victims but the community-at-large as well.

The new online training program, the first of its type in Canada, will include increased learning opportunities for victims service volunteers, permit timely revision of materials to reflect legislative and policy changes, introduce standardized training measures, and deliver training quickly and efficiently.

The programs 35 modules will deal with issues such as crisis intervention, court orientation, ecrimes and domestic violence.

Those expected to receive the new training include victim services staff, police liaison offers, criminal justice support personnel such as shelter and sexual assault workers, probation officers, parole officers and sheriffs.

The new program is being supported by \$168,000 Department of Justice Canada grant.

Officials hope the program will ensure victims of crimes continue to be treated with dignity and respect, getting the best support service possible as their cases move through the criminal justice system, said Solicitor General Frank Oberle.

"I am pleased that Alberta is at the forefront of ensuring victims receive the public help they need to rebuild their lives," said Oberle.

While accused persons must and will hopefully continue to receive fair hearings before the courts, victims should not again be allowed to fall through the cracks.

And that is because if victims are made to feel they are not receiving their fair share of support, some may actually end up being less willing or able to testify, throwing off the delicate balance between the accused and the Crown.

The public money being spent on this new program is money well spent, helping give the victims of crime the support they deserve and, in turn, making the justice system work as it should for everyone's benefit.



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Editorial

Election a test of Harper's armour

By all accounts it wasn't a very good week for Prime Stephen Minister Harper and his minori-Conservatives. Losing two rulings that raise the possibility of the government being found in contempt of Parliament will do that to a party, as does a new report that suggests the Tories' math was off — way off on the purchase of new F-35 fighter jets, to the tune of \$12 billion. But despite a gloomy week that further raises the odds of a spring election, it's almost a sure bet that any rain will roll off Harper's back just before clearer skies emerge on the horizon.

Harper has shown remarkable resiliency to withstand the political storms that have become a frequent occurrence during his successive minority governments. Like other politicians from Alberta he doesn't let a political odour linger long enough to stick not quite to the extent of a Ralph Klein, whose coating was nearly indestructible -

but close. Klein could say or do almost anything without worrying about turning off the electorate, such as throwing loose change at the homeless, but Harper is precise and calculated about crafting an image for all too Canadians, aware of the cloaked right-wing agenda accusations that have dogged him since his days in opposition. That's why every election season Prime Minister Steve goes out of his way to show he's a good guy, whether it's donning blue sweaters, playing a piano or pulling out a hardhat for carefully staged announcements for Canada's oft-advertised Economic Action Plan.

Harper isn't about to let political fires tarnish the image and messages he's so carefully concocted, even if it means being found in contempt Parliament for flouting the rules of democracy. That's a distinct possi bility after House of Speaker Commons Peter Milliken ruled Conservatives withheld information from a parliamentary committee - namely the true costs of his government's crimeand-punishment bills and that International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda might have misled the House about funding cuts to a foreign aid charity. It's expected these findings will be upheld in committee next week and subsequently by the House, giving the Harper Conservatives and Oda the distinction of being the first government and cabinet minister ever found in contempt of Parliament. And while most folks would take a few steps back if a job performance evaluation included the word 'contempt,' Harper was noncha-lant, chalking it up to debates in Parliament," as if such rulings happen all the "The Speaker time.

The roll-off-the-back response comes from a man who's used to downplaying controversy, from firing cabinet ministers over

rules, you win some,

you lose some," he told

reporters Thursday.

political and bedroom indiscretions to a continued disregard of Parliament and using prorogation to save the government's neck. Through it all, the Conservatives have emerged relatively unscathed, buoyed by Canada's economic performance that's avoided a lingering. crippling recession like in the United States, and the government's adeptness at stickhandling in the face of weak opposition. Polling shows the Tories where they've been all along - just shy of majority territory. Changing that will take a considerably strong performance from the Bloc, NDP and Liberals — a label attached to rarely Michael Ignatieff - or a kink in Harper's scarred but battleready armour. Otherwise, Canadians can expect a similar result at the polls and several more years of parliamentary indifference from the prime minister's office.

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TOWN OF DIDSBURY

PUBLIC MEETINGS

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers

REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

The Town of Didsbury is currently seeking quotes for the following:

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RFO 11-02 Water Sanitary Repair Services

RFO 11-03 Bulk Fuel Supply

Deadline for submissions is 1:00 pm Tuesday March 29, 2011.

For further information please refer to our website at www.didsbury.ca/town/tenders

or call Mark Sture, CET, Manager of Public Works at 403.335.3391

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

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Dani Woodman - Development Officer

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Proposed Bylaw #2011-03 Town of Didsbury Land Use Bylaw Update

A number of key recommendations have been made to the Land Use Bylaw that is being presented for first reading at the regularly scheduled Council Meeting on March 15, 2011:

- New definitions to clarify interpretation for residents and users;
- Enhanced regulations around development near and within the Flood Plain, Flood Fringe and Flood Way;
- Increased setbacks from Environmental Reserves to allow for public access and pathway development;
- Increased Landscaping Standards to maintain Didsbury's character in new development;
- Addition of Section 12.0 identifying the Central Core Heritage Plan Area;
- Dangerous and Hazardous Goods Storage direction;
- Clarified Permitted & Discretionary Uses in Land Use Districts;
- New Land Use District R1SS to provide opportunities for rear garage suites in designated areas:
- Incorporated user diagrams with each land use to provide context for
- Updated development requirements for Manufactured Parks and Manufactured Subdivisions:
- Updated minimum and maximum Parcel Size for R4 Districts-Memorandum of Agreement and Intermunicipal Development Plan alignment;
- Eliminated select discretionary land uses in the C1 district to optimize land use in the retail and office space district; and
- m. Updating maps to include newly annexed regions

A public hearing is scheduled for proposed Bylaw #2011-03 Didsbury Land Use Bylaw at 6:00 pm April 5, 2011 in Didsbury Council Chambers.

A copy of the proposed bylaw is available at the Town Office or online at www.didsburv.ca/town/proposedlandusebylaw

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The proposed schedule of work is:

April 14 15 Avenue April 26-28 May 4 May 9-11 20 Avenue Range Road 2.0

CP Rail will work to minimize the impact on residents, but this necessary work will result in the rescheduling of day-time rail traffic to night-time activity with subsequent train noise issues.

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BY SYLVIA COLE

It's been an "eye-opening" ear for the Didsbury year for the Didsbury Dragons girls who finished up the season over the weekend at zones.

The team beat out Oyen last Monday during a playoff game and headed to High River for the south central zones Friday.
"It's a fairly tough zone for

us because two of the teams in our zone are ranked top five in the province," said coach Lorne Code.

The team started the weekend playing against Hanna losing 70-51.

Despite the loss, coach Code was pleased with how well the girls did against the team.

coming that close was a highlight for us over the weekend," he said.

Saturday morning the girls were back out on the hardcourt and won their first game against Notre Dame Collegiate, 54-53. In the afternoon the team also went up against Carstairs Kodiaks and won 65-60 placing Dragons fifth in the zone.

Code said it was a tough year for a lot of the team members playing at a senior level for the first time this year.

"Going from varsity to senior is a big, big jump," he said. "It's been a tough year – I think they've definitely improved from last year at the beginning of the season and as far as league games the only ones we lost against was Cremona and Olds this year.'

The two girls on the team currently in Grade 12 are hoping to continue competing in the sport during their

college years.
"I just have a love of sport and want to continsaid Nicole Luft, who's applying to the University of Alberta Augustana campus in Camros

And Grade 12 MacKenzie Code, agrees.

"I've always been into this sport, and I don't want to give it up anytime soon," she said of her love of basketball that wins out over any other school sport. She's applying to play at a col-

lege in B.C.
She said she wasn't able to arrange a tryout time so instead is sending a video application of her playing

the sport.
She wants to continue her position as point guard.

"It's been a pretty good year," she said, looking back at the season. "There's been ups and downs and with new teams that will happen. ... It was a learning experience for everyone.

The Didsbury Cougars (Fun team Hockey) team were invited to play at the 'Alberta Junior Fun team All-Star Game' at the Enmax Centrium last Sunday. This team were invited due to their reputa-tion of great 'sportsmanship' that they have built up during the season. The team have worked hard and have really developed this season. They played against the Drumheller Jr. Storm team on Sunday, and won the game 9-4. This was an experience that will stay with them for many years to come.

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Fire in the Dragon's belly

Team "bound and determined" heading into provincials

BY SYLVIA COLE

With 33 wins this season, and participation at over 13 tournaments, the Didsbury Dragons are ready to breathe fire at this week's provincial championships.

Twelve teams from across the province are coming into Didsbury for the three-day event starting Thursday, and the reality hasn't quite sunk in to play ers, coaches, staff and students.

"We've been waiting for this for years," said Grade 12 team member Mark Dueck, of hosting and playing in provincials.

The Dragons just lost their chance to compete in provincials last year after losing their semifinal game

This year, the boys, ranked second for 2A teams in the province, have lost only four games so far.

We always said right off the bat we weren't interest ed in just getting a berth, we wanted to do it in Didsbury because we want to win in front of our town. That's our goal," said coach Jeff Johnson.

He said most of the team has been together since they were juniors at Westglen and though there have been some additions along the way, the bulk of the team has been together for the last six seasons.

"We're playing well; they're coming on strong right now. We're relatively uninjured so we're heading into this healthy - if we can

stay healthy that'll be a big payoff. If we make it through the playoffs. playoffs, through to the finals then we have a very, very good chance of winning it. We're feeling confident, still working hard but we're on track," he said.

"It feels good to see our goal (realized)," said Grade 12 team member Keifer Paulgaard who's been part of the team since Grade 7. 'At the beginning of the year we were playing strong, and saw that this was possible ... we need to stay strong and play solid to get where we should be," he

Teammate Nick Fischer

'We're excited. This will be tougher and bigger than anything we've done before

we're really committed; the whole team has been working towards this. There's been lots of preparation, keeping in shape keeping focused strong," he said. and

The boys beat out Olds last Monday night in league championships, and went on to take South Central Zone title for 2A boys over the weekend in Brooks. The team beat Carstairs in their first game 83-35, then Prarie Christian 77-63 in semi finals and took title 70-

50 in the final game.
"We were up 24-4 in the first six minutes and by the end of first quarter had 27-7," said Johnson. The team is feeling strong and healthy for provincials this week and had all members dressed and ready to play over the weekend, the first time all season, he added.

"Sometimes first place teams can be upset right at the end but we're bound and determined that won't happen to us," he said.

Teams playing in Didsbury this weekend include: Calgary Christian, West Island College, Rimbey, Millwoods Christian, Grand Trunk, Assumption, La Crete, Immanuel Christian, Picture Butte, Drumheller and Prairie Christian Christian Academy.

Schedule of games are available at www.asaa.ca.

Provincials just days away

BY SYLVIA COLE

While the senior boys have been busy practising for the upcoming provincials, students and staff have been busy prepping the school for the big event.

"For a little town like Didsbury this is kind of like our

hosting the Olympics. I'm hoping that people who aren't huge basketball fans might come and get caught up in the spirit of the games and the atmosphere - that's our goal," said principal Garth Dagg last Tuesday. He said students are filling volunteer positions as greeters, team hosts and

concession stand workers.

Ian Bates, athletic director, said games will be recorded and posted on the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association website so those who miss the game, can watch it in its entirety at a later time. It will also have the game streamed live

The school recently received 10 iPads for classroom use and students will be taking advantage of the technology to upload stats and scores online.

'It's awesome," said Bates, of hosting the provincials. 'It's a good showcase for our school, for our teachers, our

students and also for the community."

Teams will start to show up on March 16 for practice and games get underway Friday morning. For a complete schedule of events, check out www.asaa.ca.



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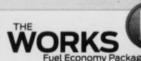
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Police briefs

BY SYLVIA COLE

Truck set on fire

A vehicle was found smouldering in a "very remote area" southwest of Water Valley last Sunday after having been lit

on fire the night before.

The truck, a 1998 Dodge Ram was stolen from Crossfield March 5 and turned up near Rge. Rd. 593 and Twp. Rd. 290 the following day. The truck had been driven into a barrier that blocks a gravel pit entrance and was then set on fire. The only thing left from the vehicle was the tailgate and licence plate. Police said it's possible the truck was lit on fire to cover evidence of who had actually stolen it.

Enhanced policing continues until month's end

Police have issued over 50 tickets and 10 warnings in the past month. Didsbury RCMP recently secured additional funds to cover the cost of an additional 200 patrol hours to be used by the end of March. The patrols focus specifically on traffic safety and enforcement, one of the priorities identified from council last year. Most of the tickets issued so far have been for speeding, not wearing seatbelts and failing to stop at stop signs. "Buckle up and don't speed – save yourself the potential of being caught,' said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.



Aquatics supervisor, Fiona Nanke shows off some of the artwork completed at the pool as part of the recent renovations. Pool renovations at Didsbury Memorial Complex are ongoing. Welding repairs and sandblasting within the pool are complete and installing the HVAC support system is the next step, and should be completed this week. Town officials said repairs were about a week behind but believe they are more or less caught up and still expect to open on time for the first of April. Meanwhile, staff have been busy redecorating the main lobby of the pool and have painted animals from each Red Cross pre school level classes on the walls. They've also painted a mural along the wall leading into the pool.

Man charged following fatal collision

BY JOSH SKAPIN

A Calgary man is facing charges related to a fatal head-on collision near Cremona

According to Didsbury RCMP, Ken Cross, 36, has been charged with careless

Cross was driving a trac-tor-trailer in the west-bound lane of Highway 580, when it collided with a pickup truck Feb. 23.

The driver of the pickup truck, a 56-year-old man from Cremona, died as a result of injuries suffered during the collision.

tractor-trailer,

belonging to Westcan Bulk Transport was not carrying stock at the time of the

Didsbury RCMP say the collision occurred when the driver of the tractortrailer attempted to pass a snowplow

Sgt. Jeff Jacobson said the snowplow kicked up snow and caused a visibili-ty issue for the driver of the tractor-trailer.

According to lead inves Warren Corp. Wright, the delay in laying charges was a result of needing to complete the investigation.

"That included the collision reconstruction report out of Red Deer, before I could determine what would be the appropriate charge," Wright said.

In terms of witnesses, Wright said nobody saw the crash occur.

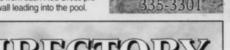
Even the snowplow driver, who was operating the snowplow with the snow blowing up, he heard something but he didn't see the accident happen," Wright added.

Following the request of the victim's family, RCMP has not released the name of the pickup driver.

Cross's first court appearance will be April 13 Didsbury Provincial









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Tues. Mar. 15

The Chamber of Commerce is inviting all businesses to the Elks Hall to hear the President of the Alberta Federation of Labour speak on the upcoming C.P.P. Reform. Meet and greet at 6 pm., Speaker at 7 p.m. Contact Deana at the Chamber Office (403) 335-3265.

Thurs. Mar. 17

All seniors will be welcome to Eldon Foote Hall after 1:30 p.m. This is St. Patrick's Day, are you wearing green? Join in the singsong and the Bingo. And enjoy the refreshments. On Mar. 31, you will be working on a Seniors Scrapbook.

At the Didsbury Library

"Rhyming Together" – a program for babies and toddlers and their caregivers from Family Programming of Mountain View Communities Adult Learning Society, Thursdays at 10 a.m. until Apr. 27. Call Stacey (403) 507-7750 for more info.

There will be an open house at the Library from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. You are most welcome to come and see your library and learn of all the courses, speakers, etc.

Wed. Mar. 30

The Community Bus will be making a trip to the Deerfoot Casino leaving the Memorial Complex at 3:30 p.m. Please phone Tom at (403) 518-6247 to

Sat. Apr. 2

This is the evening of the Didsbury Museum's Annual Dinner and Auction at the MP Room at the Complex. Tickets at the Museum (403) 335-9295.

Tues. Apr. 5

The Didsbury and District Hospital Auxiliary will meet at 2 p.m. in Unit 4 at the Hospital. New members

Come to play cribbage at 7 p.m. at the Elks Hall. Enjoy the coffee and goodies served and the visiting.

Sat. Apr. 9

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Wed. Apr. 13

The Easter Potluck Dinner at the 5-0 Club will start at 12:30 p.m. The meat is supplied so bring your favourite dish of veggies, salad or dessert and enjoy.

Thurs. Apr. 14

The Didsbury Community Bus is scheduled for a trip to the Rosebud School of the Arts, leaving the Complex at 10 a.m. and returning approximately 6 p.m. This includes the lunch buffet, the play and time for shopping. Please reserve your seat by phoning Tom (403) 518-6247. Your payment must be in by Mar. 31.

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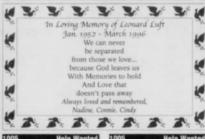
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her constituents all while being an exceptional mother. Mom was an avid cribbage player (a provincial cribbage champion), a dedicated Toronto Blue Jays fan, and an active member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #172 of Cremona, Alberta. She was a good listener and the voice of reason. Diane was predeceased by her parents, Frederick and Josephine McKinnon, two husbands, David Sirr (1965) and Arthur Davies (2002). She is survived by four brothers: Ralph, Ronnie (Shirley), Donnie (Marjorie), and Lauchlin (Donna). She is further survived by her seven children: Delbert Sirr (Shirley), Deb Wilson (Donnald), Desmond, Duane, Donna (Tim Collins), Deanna (Frank Goldie), Denise (Shawn Thompson); 16 grandchildren and 9 great-grand-Collins), Deanna (Frank Goldie), Denise (Shawn Thompson); 16 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. A celebration of Diane's life was held at the Cremona Congregational Church, 202 – 2 Street West, Cremona on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Ian Mason officiating. Memorial donations can be made to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #172 of Cremona. Condolences can be forwarded to the family at www.mountainviewfuneralchapel.com. Arrangements are in Care of Mountain View Funeral Chapel, 1413 – 21 Avenue, Didsbury, Phone 403 335 4773.



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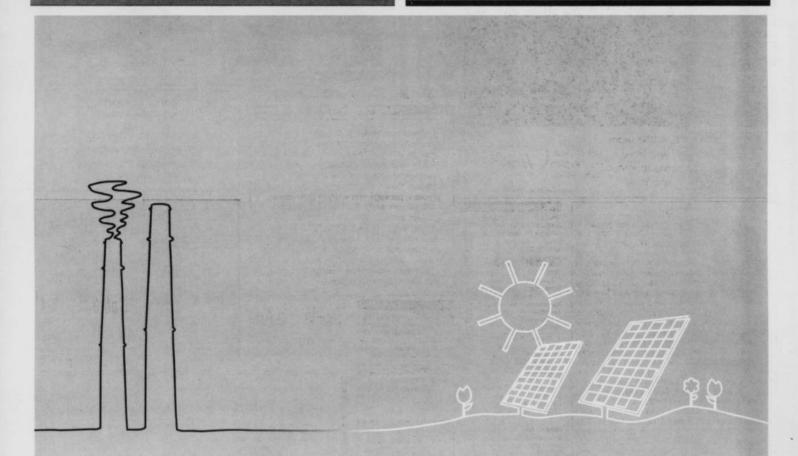


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